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| HOBSON et al ✓ |) | Examiner: Not Yet Assigned |
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U.S. Patent No. 4,645,285 issued to Cozzens et al dated February 24, 1987;
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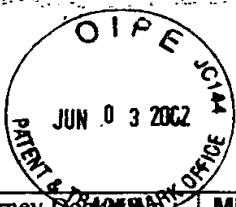
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